Hundreds of pages of guidance created about COVID-19 2020 Response Efforts

From the outset of the pandemic, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education worked to ensure:

- Missouri students continued to be supported, fed and provided high-quality learning
- School leaders had the resources and flexibility necessary to remain focused on the health and safety of students and personnel

Data as of Jan. 12, 2021

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Approved 553 local plans for alternative methods of instruction

3,600+ substitute teachers earned certification through new online training to support increased demand from schools

Missouri Learning, Engagement and Preparation resources to support acceleration of learning

Social-emotional learning supports created to address student and staff mental health challenges

New online testing options for teacher candidates to ensure the teacher pipeline remains strong

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Normal Business during Abnormal Times

Nearly 27,000 teacher certificates processed

98% of sheltered workshops maintained operations

78,086 Disability Determinations claims processed

Uninterrupted access to services for over 12,000 Vocational Rehabilitation consumers

20,187 individuals served at 22 Independent Living Centers

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